

**MINUTES**  
**WEST HARTFORD BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**  
**WEST HARTFORD TOWN HALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. There were approximately 25 people in attendance including Duane Martin, the West Hartford Town Engineer.

At the meeting, the following matters were discussed.

1. The Goals of the West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee for 2014-2015. These eight goals had previously been sent to the Committee Members in a separate email. They include updating the Master Bike Plan, continuing to work with the Town of West Hartford to develop safe bike routes and bike lanes around Town, work with Bike Walk Connecticut to revise Connecticut General Statutes Section 14-286B to clearly state the rights of bicyclists, continue to work with the Town of West Hartford to develop a complete streets ordinance, establish a free bike share program with two locations, one in the center and one in Bishop's Corner, continue to work on the North Main Street Road diet plan, prepare a bike safety handout to distribute to the public, and sponsor at least one big event. Attendees at the meeting were asked to volunteer for these committee goals and many of the attendees signed up for them. **I urge all of the recipients of these minutes who are on the Committee to sign up. Please send me an email showing me your interest.**
2. Scott reported on Bike to Town Thursdays. The September 11 event was at Sam's Gyro on South Main Street. The last event, on September 18, will be at McLadden's.
3. Sandy reported that the CRCOG Bike-Ped Count Plan has a full slate of people who have volunteered to do the counts for them.
4. Duane Martin, the West Hartford Town Engineer, reported that the Town has purchased 30 bicycle signs, which will be installed before the winter. Those signs will be installed on the Boulevard, Quaker Lane and Steele Road. The Town has also purchased an additional 9 to 10 signs which will be installed on Mountain Road.
5. Scott reported that the Complete Streets Ordinance matter will be on the Town Council agenda meeting for Tuesday, September 23. I urge you to attend this meeting and express the importance of adopting a complete streets ordinance.
6. Scott gave an update on the North Main Street feasibility study. Beth Bye had told Scott by email that she should know within the next several weeks who received the contract. We are hopeful that the feasibility study will be completed by the end of the winter.

7. Duane Martin reported on the Town walkways and paved connectors. If you are aware of any paved connectors that are in bad repair that need to be addressed, please let us know. We are talking about the connectors between various roads in town which are utilized solely by bicyclists and pedestrians.

8. Duane Martin gave a report regarding the Steele Road apartment complex which was recently approved by the West Hartford Town Council. He reported that no further bump outs are planned for this area and that the developer has agreed to assist in road calming measures. I know the developer and will reach out to him.

9. Jim Green reported that he would like to organize a spring, 2014 town wide bike ride. More details will be forthcoming through the winter.

10. Scott reported that the West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee will participate in the Park Road Parade on October 18, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. More information will be forthcoming, but we are hoping for a good turnout by the West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee member and their families.

11. Ed Pawlak reported that he would like to undertake a survey of the vehicle parking on Sedgwick Road, the Boulevard and Farmington Avenue (west of the center). Last week, I sent an email to all of the members of the Committee and asked if they would be willing to participate. **I hope you can help us on this.**

12. Scott handed out a bicycle safety handout known as the "Quick Guide" which he received from the League of American Bicyclists. We are hoping to do our own version of such a publication.

13. Scott reported that the Bike Walk Connecticut Meeting is scheduled for November 24, 2014. If you are interested in being part of the Bike West Hartford tables, please let me know.

14. Scott also reported on the Connecticut Cycling Festival which is scheduled for September 20 & 21 in Hartford. There is also a gran fondo scheduled in Hartford on the same weekend.

15. Ed Pawlak reported on the West Hartford Bicycle Survey which was taken at Celebrate West Hartford. The result of the survey was that a significant amount of people in Town still do not believe that West Hartford is a bicycle friendly community. I would be happy to email a copy of the Survey results if you would like to see them.

16. Scott reported that a Trinity College professor is teaching a course this year on sustainability, particularly as it pertains to the use of bicycles. Three students from Trinity College have been assigned to the West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee to assist in 2 major projects: (1) the updating of the Master

Bike Plan and (2) the design and implementation of the West Hartford Bike Share Program.

**17.** The next meeting of the West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee will be on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 217. **Please note the new day and time**, as this is also the week of Columbus Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott B. Franklin, Chair  
West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee